Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approved the prices of all packs and strengths of Avil, Baralgon, Lasix and Daonil range formulations under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, what price was approved for each pack and strength of each formulation and what price was charged under DPCO, 1979 for each by the company;

(c) when did the Ministry approve the prices of each of these formulations;

(d) what was the rate on which recovery has been worked out for each pack of Avil, Baralgon, Daonil and Lasix; and

(e) what are the basis on which rate of recovery was worked out in the absence of approved prices of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Price fixation on the basis of purchase invoices

1397. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3599 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the formulations for which price were fixed from January 1988 to date after verification of purchase invoices of bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not verifying the purchase invoices before fixing the prices of finished medicines in most of the cases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that non-verification of purchase invoices is giving unintended benefit to the formulators and is against the interests of the consumers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this is being encouraged and abetted by his Ministry only through the sub-committee of DPRC; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to fix prices based on purchase invoices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) While fixing the prices of formulations, notified price/weighted average price of the concerned bulk drugs is allowed as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. In the case of imported bulk drugs, average import price furnished by DGHS is allowed, where available.

Price fixation of drugs

1398. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of a few formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts have been notified in the year 1988;

(b) if so, strength and pack of each of these formulations;

(c) what was the price taken of Betamethasone and its salts on which the prices of formulations have been notified;

(d) whether it is also a fact that still prices of a number of packs, strengths and combination of these drugs are to be notified; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices and by when the same will be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The required details to the extent available are given in the statement

at annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 59]. The prices are based on the notified price of bulk drug Betamethasone and its salts.

(d) and (e) To the extent information is readily available, the prices of all concerned formulations produced by the major company i.e. M/s. Glindia have already been fixed. All efforts are being made to fix prices of other related formulations under DPCO, 1987.

Bulk drug prices under DPCO 1987

1399. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3278 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the maximum price and weighted average price of the bulk drugs, prices of which have been fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(b) what were the prices of each under DPCO, 1979;

(c) what is the price fixed for Aspirin, streptomycin, Chloramphenicol, Rifampicin, Betamethasone and its salts under DPCO, 1987; and

(d) what was the earlier price of each and what are the basis on which each price has been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The information to the extent available is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 60]. The price of Betamethasone and its salts has not been fixed under the DPCO, 1987.

Relaxation to drug companies

1400. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has dropped the recovery proceedings under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 against any other drug company apart from from IDPL and HAL;

(b) if so, what are the names of these drug companies;

(c) whether it is a fact that the decision to drop proceedings under Para 7(2) against IDPL and HAL would amount to discrimination;

(d) whether his Ministry obtained any advice from the Law Ministry before dropping the proceedings of recovery against these companies; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The decision was taken after considering all factors.

1401. [*Deleted*]

1402. [*Deleted*]

Notification for relaxation of DPCO provisions

1403. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before any relaxation of provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order, it is necessary to issue a notified order;

(b) if so, whether any notified order was issued in respect to the relaxation of provisions regarding dropping of proceedings under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 against IDPL and HAL;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;